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FOR NEA/EGY AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR NAVAL VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA

1. I REPEAT BELOW A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL BAGLEY CINCUSNAVEUR, WHICH PROPOSES A NAVAL VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA IN MID-NOVEMBER FOR THE USS BELKNAP, A GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER.
2. QUOTE: PARA 1. (C) CLIMATE REPORTED REF A APPEARS FAVORABLE FOR PROPOSING A PROGRAM OF SIXTHFLT PORT VISITS TO EGYPT. IN ANTICIPATION I HAVE ASKED VADM TURNER TO DEVELOP SUCH A PROPOSAL AND EXPECT A REPLY EARLY NEXT WEEK. PARA 2. (C) IN KEEPING WITH OUR PAST AGREEMENT AND WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE I WOULD PROPOSE THAT USS BELKNAP (CG-26) VISIT ALEXANDRIA IN MID-NOVEMBER PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF BAD WEATHER. PARA 3. (U) BEST WISHES UNQUOTE
3. I PROPOSE TO REPLY TO HIM, UNLESS YOU WISH TO DO SO DIRECTLY, THAT, IN VIEW OF THE RECENT VISIT OF THE INCHON (COMPLETED OCTOBER 16), I PROPOSE TO RECOMMEND THAT SUCH PROPOSAL FOR A NAVAL VISIT BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST MID-DECEMBER.

4. GIVEN THE EXPOSURE IN ALEXANDRIA WITH THE INCHON
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PLUS THE CURRENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT, IT SEEMS

TO ME THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOCUS ON
THINGS AMERICAN. MOREOVER, HMS NORFOLK,
A COUNTY CLASS CRUISER, IS DUE IN ALEXANDRIA
FOR A VISIT NOVEMBER 8-12, DESIGNED TO OVERLAP
WITH SADAT VISIT TO LONDON.

5. I AM ALSO NOT CLEAR ABOUT THE REFERENCE TO
"OUR PAST AGREEMENT" IN BAGLEY'S MESSAGE.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.
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